Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (1) Yes;

(2) Yes; on 6th Kanni 1111.

Inspection fees—boats of different sizes.

294. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Referring to cut motion No. 20 of this House, dated 20th of Karkadagam 1109, regarding the standard of taxation of motor and steam boats when the Hon'ble Member for Engineering has observed, "He wants a gradation for boats between 1 ton and 99 tons. I can only say that I shall consider this question and submit the report to the Govment. I consider there is some force in the argument put forth by the Member since most of the boats running in our backwaters are less than 100 tons in capacity", (Refer page 536 of the Official Report), will the Government state what they have done in furtherance of the assurance under reference?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal to fix a graduated scale of inspection fees for boats of different sizes up to 100 tons is being considered by Government along with the revision of the Canal rules.

Notice boards at tolls, landing places, ferries, etc.

295. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have accepted a recommendation moved in the Council to put up notice boards giving levies, etc., at tolls, landing places, ferries, etc; and

(2) whether they have made any arrangement to carry out the recommendation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Notice boards giving timings of boats have already been put up at the Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Kottappuram Canal jetties. Action is being taken to put up another board giving rates of levies.

Water Works Supervisor—appointment of.

296. **Mr. George Parakkal.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reason for bifurcating the post of the Mechanical Equipment Supervisor and the Water Works Supervisor;

(b) what are the qualifications required for appointment as Supervisors in the department according to the Service Regulation;

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(c) what are the functions and duties of the present Mechanical Equipment Supervisor and the Water Works Supervisor;

(d) what are the qualifications of the present incumbents?

(e) what are the literary and technical qualifications of the present Water Works Supervisor to make him eligible for the post,

(f) were there not suitable and qualified subordinates in the department for promotion as Water Works Supervisor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) With the expansion of the Water Works at Trichur, Nemmara, etc., it was found necessary to appoint a Water Works Supervisor for the Northern Division with Head-quarters at Trichur.

(b) No special qualification is prescribed.

(c) The Mechanical Equipment Supervisor is to be in charge of the floating equipments, water supplies to ships and harbour and the water works distribution systems of Mattancheri and the littoral areas of Chellanam. The Water Works Supervisor will be in charge of the Water Works Systems installed in Trichur, Ramavarmapuram, Thiruvilluamala, Nemmara and Ayilur.

(d) The present Mechanical Equipment Supervisor is the holder of the Mechanical Engineering diploma of the College of Engineering, Madras. The Water Works Supervisor has read up to VI Form and holds also a certificate from the B. O. C. He has 19 years' experience in Water Works machinery.

(e) Vide answer to (d).

(f) Yes; and the post was filled in by one such officer of the department.

Backward and Depressed Classes—test for judging.

297. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the criteria to judge the Depressed and Backward Classes;

(b) which are those communities that belong to the Depressed Class and the Backward Class?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) Test of literacy.

(b) A list is appended. *(Appendix V).*

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